



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, 2002 is the 211th anniversary of the Bill of Rights; and

WHEREAS, September 5, 2002 marks the 332nd anniversary of the day when the jurors in the William Penn trial refused to convict him for preaching what was then an illegal religion, Quakerism, to what was then an unlawful assembly (his congregation, gathered on a London street after being locked out of their church); and

WHEREAS, the Penn jury, in refusing to convict, provided a basis for the United States Constitution's First Amendment rights of freedom of speech, religion and assembly; and

WHEREAS, September 5 also commemorates the day when those jurors began nine weeks of incarceration for finding Penn innocent; and

WHEREAS, the release and exoneration of these jurors established the Anglo-American tradition that it is the right of the jury to decide on both matters of the law and of fact in the case before it; and

WHEREAS, the Sixth and Seventh Amendments are included in the Bill of Rights to preserve the right of trial by jury, which in turn conveys upon the jury the responsibility to defend all other individual rights named in or implied by the United States Constitution and its amendments, along with the rights that attend that responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the state of Idaho recognizes these rights as true and inalienable;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 5, 2002, to be

JURY RIGHTS DAY

in Idaho, and invite all Idahoans to make due note of the observance.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of August in the year of our Lord two-thousand and two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-seventh and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred thirteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Pete T. Cenarrusa in black ink.

PETE T. CENARRUSA
SECRETARY OF STATE